

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Topeka Kansas *Opal* criticizes a Unitarian preacher for advising the license system, remarks when a preacher forms a city govt. partnership with saloons because there is money in it, there is nothing wrong with his head or One association in S C has 100 country churches which take 11 stores time. We must come to that as State. There are 100 country churches in Mississippi able to support of Santiago de Cuba, are a thousand and odd, of several banded together for the

Association at its last meeting. And we well congratulate ourselves, we did not wait till we were worn into the background. So far as we know, there is not a town in the State of 1000 inhabitants with a Baptist church and probably a dozen of 500 population with a church of our faith. A dozen of heroic effort have positioned in the centers where before were weak. And it has stopped a terrible drain on us through

of divine authority. In our review of this doctrine it must of course be regarded as a serious question that these books proposing our Bible are genuine; and it is, that they were written by persons and in the period of time that they claim, and also, that they are historically true. If they are not genuine and historical, they are not true, then whatever else may be said of them, they are not true. If they claim for themselves inap-

constituting the authoritative word of God. The subject matter is a message from God, this message comes to us through a human medium. The language is human, human thoughts, human experiences, human joy, human passions, all have been used by the Holy Spirit in the preparation of this divine book. It is thoroughly human and thoroughly divine. It is not derogatory to the Scriptures as an inspiration. To say they are thoroughly human as well as thoroughly divine. We are only saying that the

A Card of Thanks

We, the young ministers of the
Nelson Cottage, are indebted
to the following named friends for
their presents:

Bro. Sister Rathff, Raymond,
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Brother and Sister Gray, Clinton,
giving dinner.
Bro. John R ly, Hebron, box of
nuts."

J. H. LAKE.
Sec. of Cottage.
Clinton, Miss. Dec. 4th 1886.

ers, seventy-five persons who are
exemplary Christians.
Recently, by special request of
Brown, our missionary Secre-
tary, I have been visiting churches
of interest of State Missions,
while I have found some brethren
who would give nothing, and
others who gave small amounts, I
do not find a single brother who
is opposed to Missions. I went
to one church which was termed
"ardell," because of lechery in
sessions and after preaching on
Christian benediction, received a
contribution of thirteen dollars.
It was a very poor country

North-East Mississippi News.

the Senatobia Baptist church met memorial meeting to day to express feelings of the church in regard to death of her beloved pastor, W. Carroll

In motion, Brother J. W. Echols requested to act as moderator, then the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, 1st. That as an all wise creator has seen fit to remove from midst and the care of our church, beloved pastor, W. H. Carroll, to leave him from this world of care and toil to a land where there is no parting or suffering, where he

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can look in the sunlight of the presence of him whom it was his greatest delight to preach and expound the doctrines of the atonement and resurrection from the dead, and in his own language "to rest forevermore."

Resolved, 2nd. While we as a church bow submissively to the will of him who doeth all things well, yet as a church we feel sorely bereaved, and conversant with the friends and his sorrowing loved ones in expounding the doctrines of the Bible as well as his deeply sympathetic prayers in the public congregation and more especially in our weekly prayer meetings, we shall miss his pious appeals to a Throne of grace for his people and the citizens of this country in his own language "Every intercessor represented here." We can say truly as a church that for led as a worthy under shepherd in the path of duty, not only by advice but by example.

Resolved, 3rd. That as a church we tender our warmest sympathy and confidence to his bereaved wife and daughter and commend them to the care of him who doeth all things right.

Resolved, 4th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our church record and sent to BAPTIST RECORD for publication with a request to be copied in Alabama Baptist and Texas Baptist and Herald, also our county papers and a copy be furnished the wife and daughter.

J. W. EMMETT, Moderator.
M. L. MOORE, Church Clerk.

MARRIED.

On November 10th, 1886, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Dr. W. B. Burwell, Mr. T. J. Johnson, of Carroll county, and Miss Jennie Roberts, of Elmore, Holmes county, T. J. Bailey performing ceremony and Rev. A. P. Pugh offering prayer.

On November 24th, 1886, at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. Ward, Mr. L. A. McLumit, of Goodman, and Miss Claude Ward, of Madison county, by T. J. Bailey.

December 1th, 1886.

At Bethany church, Lawrence county, on Sunday November 28th, 1886, by Elder F. D. Baars, Mr. Geo. W. Milled and Miss Josie Buckley. Quite a large crowd was present to witness the pleasant occasion and the newly married couple have the best wishes of their many friends. May the richest blessings ever be theirs.

Near Steen's creek, Rankin county, Mississippi, at the residence of the bride's father, T. J. Rogers, on Thursday evening, 25th, at 10 o'clock, by Rev. C. B. Freeman, Dr. R. L. Gaines, of Westville, and Miss M. T. Rogers, of Rankin.

After the ceremony we were invited to the dining room where a sumptuous feast awaited us. A delightful, felt thankful on that Thanksgiving day, for some looked so thankful as the happy pair. We wish them many happy returns of this day.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. O. P. Holliday, by Elder E. A. Cooper, Mr. T. D. Noel, of Lexington, Mississippi, to Miss Alice Holliday, of Hinds county. The best wishes of her parents and a large circle of friends go with her.

A Suitable Memorial.

The general ex-President of the Confederacy went up to his birth place in Kentucky on Sunday and was present at the dedication of a Baptist church which he presided to the congregation, and with a silver communion service. Still vigorous, though now near his 80th year, Mr. Davis in all his movements on the sacred occasion was characterized by an unusual vigor of manner and speech. He still does not state his infirmities. He is still the courteous and accomplished man of the world, still ready to converse upon any topic and master of everything he touches. Nothing in his eventful life was more touching than this pilgrimage to the spot where he was born, and nothing we feel sure was ever more gratifying to him than to see his old home replaced by a church of the creed which his father presided and of which he was a faithful exemplar.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Nov. 27.—To-day at Fairview, on the line between Christian and Todd counties, Ky., there was dedicated a Baptist church, erected on the site of the building where Jefferson Davis was born. The ground was purchased and given by a party of gentlemen for the erection of a church. Rev. Dr. Strickland, of Nashville, delivered the dedication sermon, and there was an immense crowd, many of whom could not get into the church, and were forced to leave, as it was raining hard. After the sermon Mr. Davis was invited to the pulpit and supported to stand, he made a few appropriate remarks, closing as follows: "May he who rules in heaven bless individually and collectively this whole community, and may his benediction rest on this house forever. More than this it would be improper for me to say." Mr. Davis then presented the church with a handsome silver structure, costing about \$10,000. A finely polished slab of violet Tennessee marble set in the wall of the vestibule opposite the memorial window has this inscription in Roman capitals:

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

Of Mississippi, was born June 3d, 1808. On the site of this church.

He made a gift of this lot March 10th, 1886.

To Bethel Baptist Church, As a thank offering to the Lord.

After the church service the crowd adjourned to a magnificent dinner in the building near at hand, where all were heartily entertained. Mr. Davis left for Louisville, Tenn. Where he took the train for home—Memphis.

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The PULPIT TREASURY for December is on our table. This Magazine like some noble tree, bears fruit every month, and none richer or more abundant than that of this number, with which the year is closed. The preacher and Christian worker will find in this monthly a continuous supply of fresh, timely, suggestive matter for every department of their work. The illustrations in this number are the portrait of Dr. Phillips Brooks and a view of Trinity Episcopal Church, Boston, of which he is the rector. A characteristic sermon by Dr. Brooks, accompanies his portrait, and a faithful sketch of his life by an Episcopalian clergyman. Other notable sermons are by Dr. Geo. L. Taylor on Christianity contrasted with Earthquakes, a Christmas Service by J. Hall McVaine, of a New Year's Service by Rev. Jesse B. Thomas. Leading Thoughts of Sermons are by Drs. M. Dix, W. M. Taylor, Moses Hodge, MacArthur, T. B. Meyer, and H. M. Scudder. Rev. T. M. Griffith writes on The Marvellous Accuracy of Scripture Statements. Prof. H. Lincoln on The Christian's Consciousness—Its Use and Abuse. Prof. R. V. Foster on The Song of Songs, Dr. W. S. Assey on The Young Pastor and Foreign Missions, Rev. C. M. Alford on Intemperance, Our National Sin, Rev. G. A. Tewksbury on Preparation for the Prayer-meeting, Rev. D. Gregg on The True Christian Life, Rev. J. B. Hooley on Preparing to Preach Spiritually, Prof. T. Yeatman on The Moral Condition of Paris and France, Dr. W. Del. Love on Home a Universal Necessity, Rev. N. C. Stebbins on Church Societies, Dr. Moment on The International Lessons. The Editorials are on The Old Subtlety, Appreciative Words, Ambulance Work, Co-operation not Criticism, A Theological Clinic, "The Bright and Morning Star." Many other important papers are also in this number. Yearly, \$2.50. Clergymen, \$2.00. Single copies 25 cents.

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HOME CIRCLE.

Conducted By Mrs. M. T. Gambrell.

POETRY.

WASHED ASHORE.

"He was found at the dawning,"
"Yes," "And his name is?"
"Jacques Minot."
"Where did he live?" "At the
fisher's village, about a mile be-
low."
"Was he born in the village?" "Yes,
he lived there all his life."
"Married?" "Yes, monsieur." "How
many children?" "Where is his
wife?"
"Ah, monsieur, that is the sorrow.
Poor Jacques died last year."
And there are six little children.
The youngest stands beside me
here.
She is half afraid, you see, of what
lies there on the shore.
Afraid of her father! Poor child, she
never feared him before."
"Who cares for the children?" Will
they go to friends, or the State?"
Paul Zettering rose from his knees.
"He was my friend, and my mate,
and brother, and friend, I've
been providing for Jacques' children,
I would care for his children, and
consequently, I care for his wife."
"Good, you may have them, then,
poor fellow. A man so brave."
Methinks I have found in the
sea he loved as a deep grave.
But the sea is a cruel mistress, and
secretly things she hides.
The broken life and the broken clay
of him who sails no more."
"Nay, monsieur, the sea is faithful,
she knew the little church, with
better beside the cross upon the shore."
Would father he by his daughter's foot
through the churchyard grass
The feet of the kindly fisher folk
and his little children pass.
"Is the wind that is cruel, mon-
sieur?" "The sea loves him,
When the wind blows leave her alone,
She looks for him all the time."
And when they look her to fury,
She can do no more.
She hears the poor dead fisherman safe
to his own home shore."
So the gentleman wife of Jacques
Minot, "Found drowned and
washed ashore."
Harpers Weekly.

EDITORIAL.

A NEW ASPECT OF PRAYER.

In the beautiful Sunday School
lesson for December 5th, reference
is made to the golden vessels (bowls)
filled with sweet odors, which are
the prayers of the saints. And in
the beautiful picture given in Apo-
calypitic vision, these prayers mingle
their perfume with the songs of
rejoicing and the ascriptions of
praise from angelic hosts, redeemed
spirits and animate beings. A
thought of new and passing sweet
significance comes to us as the pic-
ture is dwelt upon. That our
prayers, born of our needs, our sor-
rows, and our transgressions should
be in heaven a sweet order, a cause
of rejoicing and an element of
praise seemed almost beyond the
grasp of human faith. How this
thought enhances the enjoyment
and appreciation of the privilege of
prayer.

Can ever again the "devotions"
be attended with perfunctory indif-
ference? Where is the mother who,
viewing this scene through the eyes
of the prophet evangelist, can dream
that her prayers, as she pleads for
the salvation and consecration of her
children to Christ, can be wasted upon
the desert air? Wonderful is the divine
alchemy which can take the fruits of
earth's sorrows and perfume heaven
with them. Melancthon said: "Sin
drives me into trouble, and trouble
drives me to prayer, and this drive
to prayer is an element of praise
to the Lamb, 'worthy to open the
seals.' Oh wonderful change
wrought as the sin stained and
sorrow-burdened messengers wing
their way from earth bound souls to
the courts above!

Hearts may be weary and spirits
sad, and the poor worn flesh too
tired for labor, yet let but one
poor position rise skyward and at
once the fragrance penetrates to the
holiest of holies, whither our
High priest has entered.
Oh, it was not all a dream, the
vision sweet which sleep brought to
a mother who had wept and prayed
over her wayward boy till tired
nature yielded to the sweet restorer,
not the phantasmagoria of a weary
brain and troubled heart that
brought to her consciousness a pic-
ture of the better home, with its
streets of gold, its gates of pearl and
the voice of the Beloved saying
"Bring out that golden vessel that
holds this woman's prayers, all
heaven shall scent their odors and
they shall mingle with the most
triumphant notes of celestial
praise.

No, it was more than a dream; it
was the downward swoop of the
wing of some strengthening angel
sent from heaven's battlements to
bear her up in her Gethsemane.
Let the doubting object, the caviller
stare at the blind credulity that
accepts comfort and strength
breathed into the spirit while the
body sleeps, but the cross of the
coming day is borne more patiently
and hope sings with bolder courage
for this strengthening. Nor need

one attempt a metaphysical analy-
sis of these effects or strive to reason
out their cause. As well try with
poor human reason to tell how
God lays his hand upon the turbu-
lent billows and dispates the threat-
ening storm cloud.

Far better is it to take what we
can understand and trust for what
we cannot understand in this won-
derful glimpse of glory given
through gates set ajar by the pierc-
ed hand of our Risen Lord. Is it
marrying the tints of this picture of
the trouble circle of rejoicing per-
fumed with prayers floating up
from earth, to think of the sainted
father, the sainted mother and other
dear ones who have crossed
death's flood as fading fresh notes
of joy and new songs of praise, as
they scent in the heavenly odors,
the prayers of those they had left in
sorrow, sin and tears when they
sped away from mortality's em-
brace? Even if this thought be an
evidence of "frail earthliness" it
leads us to renewed obedience to the
unction: "Pray without ceasing,"
it still will have wrought in us to
the will of the Father who "al-
ways hears prayer" and answers
in kind or in kindness.

TEMPERANCE.

"There is no man or body of men
who can strike at the evil [of intem-
perance] but the legislature of the
nation."—Henry Ware in 1826.

No prohibition of the manufac-
ture and transportation [of intoxi-
cating drinks] can be effective un-
less by virtue of national law, be-
cause the manufacture for the world
can take place on any square mile
of the continent, and transportation
is controlled by national power.
What the temperance reform most
needs is nationalization.—U. S. Sen-
ator H. W. Blair.

If the State has power of restraint
by license to any extent, she may
go to the length of prohibiting sales
altogether.—Justice Catron, U. S.
Supreme Court.

The necessity of a license law
presupposes a prohibition of the
right to sell to those who have
no license. If the foreign article be
injurious to the health or morals of
the community, the state may in the
exercise of that great and conserva-
tive police power which lies at the
foundation of its prosperity, prohib-
it the sale of it.—Justice McLean, U.
S. Supreme Court.

Resolved, That this house is of the
opinion, for the reasons herein be-
fore set forth, that the right and
most effectual legislative remedy for
these evils [resulting from intem-
perance] is to be found in the enact-
ment and enforcement of a law pro-
hibiting the importation, manufac-
ture and sale of intoxicating liquors
for beverage purposes.—House of
Commons of Canada, 1884.

And if any state deems the retail
and internal traffic in ardent spirit
injurious to its citizens, and cal-
culated to produce idleness, vice
and debauchery, it see nothing in
the constitution of the United States
to prevent it from regulating or re-
stricting the traffic, or prohibiting it
altogether if it thinks proper.—
Chief Justice Taney, U. S. Supreme
Court.

It is not necessary to array the
appalling statistics of misery, pau-
perism and crime which have their
origin in the use of ardent spirits.
The police power, which exclusively
in the state, is competent to the cor-
rection of these great evils and all
measures of restraint or prohibition
necessary to effect that purpose are
within the scope of that authority,
and it is a loss of revenue should ac-
cure to the United States from a
diminished consumption of ardent
spirits, she will be a gainer a thous-
and fold in health, wealth and hap-
piness of the people.—Justice Grier,
U. S. Supreme Court.

We the undersigned are convin-
ced, that the traffic in intoxicating
liquors as drunk for man, is the im-
mediate cause of most of the crime
and pauperism, and much of the
disease and insanity that afflict our
land; that it everywhere deterio-
rates the moral character of the
people, and is the chief outward ob-
struction to the progress of the
Gospel; that these are not its ac-
cidental attendants but its natural
fruits; that all schemes of regula-
tion and restriction fall short of the
nation's need and the nation's duty;
and that therefore on the obvious
principle of destroying the evil that
cannot be controlled, the wisest
course for those who fear God and
regard man, is to encourage every
legitimate effort for the entire sup-
pression of the trade, by the power
of the national will, and through
the form of a legislative enactment.
—Two thousand Clergymen of Great
Britain, including all denominations.

Is it not time that we—Christians
men—should devote everything and
all things, save truth and righteou-
ness, to this principle of prohibi-

tion, till it prevails, and men's feet
stand on the high table land of
temperance, obedience to constitu-
tional law, physical, social and
moral? We shall never find truth
perfectly plain, but is not our duty
perfectly easy, but is not our duty
plain enough to lay hold of our
consciences, our labors easy enough
to constitute a claim of our fellow-
men and God upon us?—John
Boscom.

YOUNG HOPEFULS.

To the Young Hopefuls.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these: It might have
been."
A fair young girl with an angel form,
Whose beauty resembled the freshness
of morn;

With sparkling eye,
And lips free from sigh,
Forth on earth's rugged pathway goes,
And day after day her destiny sows,
For pleasures of earth,
She spent all her worth,
Ne'er dreaming that harvest was near-
back o'er the waste she gazed in fear,
At the week and ruin of her career—
At the future—only a skeleton here!

Oh! the saddest word,
Is the "Might have been,"
On the bosom of life's restless sea,
Mingling the saddest of fate,
Sails forth a fond youth,
While passions foam forth,
His unguarded passions beguile,
Till the cold, barren rocks, an exile
Have claim of him for life
To con up the strife
He made to resist his first claim.
Out of the lowly of pollution and shame
Has his spirit quailed
The soul's sweetest draft—
The lowly he still holds with a nervous
grasp.
But only the dregs are left to the last.
And that sad, sad wail,
Forced from dry lips pale,
The "Might have been"
Once lost in sin.

The path of duty, tho' rugged and
steep,
The foundation of which fierce bil-
lows sweep,
Has no charm to beguile
The vagabond child,
But towering steeples that pierce the
sky
Have been built and climbed by those
who apply
The heart and soul
To some hidden goal.
Out of the depths Endeavor has
brought
The fairest trophies the world ever
sought,
In the "Might have been"
That has conquered sin.
B. M. L.

Nov. 10.

THE YOUNG HOPEFUL BIBLE CLASS.

Correct answers to the question
proposed in the Record of Nov.
25th, have been received from the
following parties. We gladly en-
roll their names in the Young
Hopeful class for Bible study:

C. C. Laird, Stanton,
Ida Dubois, Byhalia,
G. Frank Thomas, Shannon,
Eugene Dalrymple, Smithville,
Mary Crump, West Point,
James Anna Higdon, Martinville,
Minnie Douglas, Muldrow,
Muldrow Douglas, Muldrow,
B. J. Barrier, Canton,
Anna McDowell, Flora,
Annie Seay, Juka,
Jennie W. Barksdale, Hardy,
Walter Lee, Vossburg,
Rhoda McKelvin, Topisaw,
Virginia Lee Starr, Fannin,
Hamp Biscoe, Forest,
Vera Pulliam, Mt. Lebanon, La.,
Nellie Carpenter, Slaughter, La.,
A member of the Lexington Baptist
Sabbath school.

We cannot publish all the little
letters, but must say that in the
twenty little letters lying before us
there are evidences of care and
pains-taking that do credit to our
little correspondents.

We are sorry to hear of Nellie
Carpenter's sickness, but offer our
congratulations to her and the
whole family on the advent of the
little baby girl.

Annie Seay has missed, but one
Sunday from Sunday school this
year and has gotten perfect in all
her studies. That is a good record.
The Young Hopefuls will surely ap-
preciate the letter from Boston.

Boston, Mass.

DEAR MRS. GAMBRELL:

A few days ago after reading
many long epistles on elaborate
tombs at Mount Auburn, my eye
chanced to fall on a plain slab
which bears the touching inscrip-
tion: "She was so pleasant." Those
few and simple words tell the tale
of a life worth imitating. Better
and stronger than the power of
beauty or intellect, is the power of
love and goodness. A life of sym-
pathy and friendliness; a life that
tries to make those around it hap-
pier and better should be the high-
est aim of womanhood.

"A good name is rather to be
chosen than great riches, and lov-
ing favor rather than silver and
gold."

LULA EZELL.

Nov. 27th, '86.

Mount Lebanon, La.

DEAR MRS. GAMBRELL:

I am a very small little girl,

seven years old, but I think I can
answer the question "Aunt Bess"
gives in the last number of the
Record.

Judges 15th chapter, 4th verse,
And Sampson went and caught
three hundred foxes and took fire
brands and turned tail to tail and
put a fire brand in the midst be-
tween two tails.

Fifth—And when he had set the
brands on fire, he let them go into
the standing corn of the Philistines,
and burnt up the snooks and also
the standing corn, with the vine-
yards.

We enjoy reading the Record so
much, and think Bess' idea a nice
one. Let us have more questions
Your little friend,
BERTHA BAKER,
Nov. 29th, 1886.

Topisaw, Pike County, Miss.

DEAR YOUNG HOPEFULS:

I expect Mrs. G. is thinking we
do not appreciate the space given
us, but she knows how to have
patience with little folks.
Well, Uncle White I want you to
write for I love to read your letters.
I am reading the New Testament
with me.

John this month. We have an in-
teresting Sunday school we have
brought new song books and our
superintendent has all it on the
front benches and sing. Come one,
come all and let's have a nice
column.

Your little friend,
RHODA MCKELVIN.

SELECTED.

Church Money-Making

We have a growing conviction
that many of the methods used to
raise money for the Lord's cause
are contrary to the precepts and
examples of His word. Did Moses
get up a grand carnival or bazaar
to get means to build the Taberna-
cle? Did Paul exhort the early
Christians to get up a grand fair or
festival to help the poor saints at
Jerusalem? It is no answer to say
these modern devices are successful.
The idea of the church of God re-
sorting to grab bags, fish ponds,
ring cakes, and raffles to replenish
her treasury; all the church gener-
ally ending in hard feelings. Some
time ago we attended a church that
was conducting a prayer-meeting
and a fair under the same roof and
on the same evening, but the latter
seemed to receive the most atten-
tion. Do the leaders in these things
count the cost to them? Dollars
and cents? As one has said: "Buy
your food, then give it to the
church, then go buy it back again,
and then eat it up, and your church
debt is paid."

We object because the first and
best of the world are called in to
help. Let us not forget that the
world, the flesh and the devil will
claim a mortgage on whatever sup-
port. The introduction of these
things in our places of worship
seems to us objectionable. If our
Lord was here, would he not clean
out the house of prayer with a whip
of small cords?

The mission of the church is to
save souls not to run dime shows
or sell pin cushions or chance of
doll babies or compete with the
oyster saloon or grocery store. It
is a worldly policy, a picnic relig-
ion, opposed to the teachings of Je-
sus Christ. Let there be less ex-
travagance in church edifices; let
there be more cheerful giving, let
more time be given to cultivating per-
sonal piety and saving sinners and
then the church will march on to
victory—terrible as an army with
banners."

—The Southerner.

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